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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS THERE ARE NO PLANS TO
STATION TACTICAL ATOMIC WEAPONS IN GERMANY

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1. DURING OTHERWISE UNSENSATIONAL DEBATE ON FOREIGN
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SAUVAGNARGUES WAS PRESSED HARD TO CONFIRM OR DENY NEWS

REPORTS THAT FRENCH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS HAD DISCUSSED STATIONING OF PLUTON TACTICAL ATOMIC WEAPONS IN WEST GERMANY. IN REPLY, SAUVAGNARGUES SAID THE FOLLOWING:

"THESE WEAPONS (PLUTON) ARE IN FRANCE. IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK AGAINST WESTERN EUROPE (A HYPOTHESIS THAT IS EXCLUDED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE) THEY WILL BE UTILIZED WHEREVER THE FRENCH ARMY IS LOCATED. THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO PLANS RELATED TO THEIR INSTALLATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. NEVERTHELESS, THIS MATTER IS ONE OF CONCERN TO WEST GERMANY, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. BUT I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT SINCE I WAS NOT UNDER THE TABLE, AND THERE WAS NO MICROPHONE. ONE THING IS CERTAIN. THERE WAS NO REQUEST FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FOR OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT AT POLITICAL LEVELS. IT WOULD NOT BE EXTRAORDINARY, HOWEVER, TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SUCH A SUBJECT." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. SAUVAGNARGUES STATEMENT TENDS TO SUPPORT EARLIER REPORTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM EMBASSY ROME, THAT FRENCH AND GERMAN MILITARY ARE PROBABLY ENGAGED IN CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR USE OF PLUTON IN WEST GERMANY IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES.

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